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### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING — MARCH 2018

**Meeting.** The State Board of Education met on March 29, 2018, in Des Moines.

Director Ryan Wise reported that the administrator support program, which had been funded through the [Administrator Mentoring](#) General Fund appropriation and administered by DE staff, will now be led by School Administrators of Iowa. The budget unit was unfunded in FY 2018. He also discussed the passage of [SF 2364](#) (School Emergency Plans Act), which requires school districts to have high-quality emergency operations plans. The Board also heard discussion on the effect of the \$785,000 FY 2018 deappropriation; the goal of the reductions within the Department will be to minimize impact on students and federal matching programs.

The Board discussed the public comment on the adopted and filed Administrative Rules changes under Iowa Administrative Code [281—41](#) (Special Education). The Rules changes are due to requirements of the federal [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#).

Outgoing Board President Charles Edwards, who has served on the Board for 18 years, and outgoing Student Member Robert Nishimwe, who served for two years, also reflected on their time on the State Board of Education.

**Board Approval.** The Board completed the charter renewal for Storm Lake Community School District's [Charter School](#), which focuses on supporting first generation college students and English language learners in completing initial college-level coursework for job shortage areas. Central Rivers Area Education Agency's paraeducator preparation program and Southwest Community College's accreditation were also approved.

The Board approved eight of the nine Area Education Agency budgets for FY 2019. Mississippi Bend AEA's budget was sent back with comment, requiring the agency to create a budget that is in compliance with Iowa Code. The submitted budget did not show a positive projected ending balance at the end of the fiscal year, as is required.

**Presentations.** There was a presentation by Bureau of Community Colleges staff on the [Community College Program Outcomes Report](#) and the [Joint Enrollment Report](#) for FY 2017. There were also presentations on the recently reviewed [Iowa Early Learning Standards](#) and the [Achievement Gap Report](#).

The Board heard that Iowa's [ESSA plan](#) is in its final stage of review and is expected to be approved in the coming weeks.

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